

III. Remarks

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 11, 16, and 17 have been allowed.

Claims 11, 16, and 17 are pending herein.

Claims 7 and 18-50 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, with 1-6, 8-10, and 12-15 having been previously canceled.

Claims 11, 16, and 17 have been previously presented.

Reconsideration of this application in light of these amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 7, 21-25, 27-46, and 48

Claims 7, 21-25, 27-46, and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of JP 2001096442 (JP'442). Claims 7, 21-25, 27-46, and 48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and this rejection is therefore moot.

Claims 18-20, 26, 47, 49, and 50

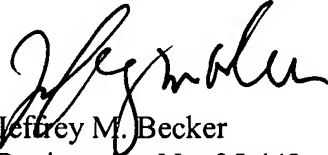
Claims 18-20, 26, 47, 49, and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA. Claims 18-20, 26, 47, 49, and 50 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and this rejection is therefore moot.

IV. Conclusion

It is believed that all matters set forth in the present Office action have been addressed. Independent claims 11 and 16 and dependent claim 17 stand allowed and all remaining claims have been canceled. Based on the foregoing, an early formal notice of allowance of claims is requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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